



# THE VAPOR TRAIL

## FEBRUARY 2026

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### February Presidents Message

By Clay Beck

Now that we have finished the holiday season we can look ahead this new year of fun with our Corvettes. On January 10 we took a drive to Jalama State Park to have their famous Jalama burgers. It was a nice day with the weather cooperating with lots of sunlight. The road was in fair condition with recent pothole repairs. We had fun. There was not a meeting in the month of January and our next meeting for February is on the fifth.

For those of you that have PSA badging for the airport, you need to get your renewals done before they expire with the thirty-day extension. I have already paid for the renewals so not to worry about the payment. I spoke to the airport representative regarding airport construction modifications and they said that the government takes a long time to get things going. So, it looks like we will not have any problems using the AX course this year. Our Auto cross dates for this year are: May 30<sup>th</sup>, June 27<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, & September 26<sup>th</sup>. The new rules for the Corvette run classes have changed to a simpler method or clarification. They are incorporating the classes with C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C8, method instead of the old way that was difficult for people to sign up for their right class. This means that we need to update MotorSportReg and our club computer with the new updates.

At our next meeting, we will have to look ahead on the calendar and put some activities on it for this new year. We like to have something to do at least once per month. The weather is starting to warm up and most of the rain maybe behind us. So that means get the wax out and start polishing those wheels and let's go.

Clay Beck

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### Happy Birthday

#### February 2026

14 Amy Lewton

#### March 2026

03 Kathy Beck  
07 Larry Wright  
12 Bill Deviny  
13 Bill Santmyer  
31 Clint Perry

### 2025 Board Members

President	Clay Beck	709-4434
Vice President	Position Open	
Treasurer	Chuck Robertson	934-0694
Secretary	Hector Paz	610-7008
Governor	Gale Haugen	610-7844
Newsletter	Gale Haugen	610-7844
Webmaster	Chuck Robertson	934-0694
Sunshine Guy	Chuck Robertson	934-0694

All numbers are in the 805 area code.

## **February 5, 2026 VTV Meetings Minutes —By Hector Paz**

The VTV meeting for the month of February was held on Thursday, February 5th, 2026, at the IHOP in Santa Maria. There were eleven (11) members present. The attendees were:

Clay Beck, Larry Wright, Clint Perry, Chuck Robertson, Brian Phillips, Gale Haugen, Hector Paz, Gerry White, Pat Kelley, Marc Lewton and Rick Coffey.

Clay called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The birthday for this month is for Amy Lewton on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday Amy!!!!!!

The next item was to approve the November meeting minutes. Chuck made a motion to approve the October meeting minutes and Gale seconded it. All were in favor, and the motion was approved.

### **New/Old Business—Clay Beck**

The first item under new business was the purchase of trophy cones and 25 regular 18" cones to support the 2026 Autocross season.

The first item under Old Business was the airport renewal badges which have been paid.

The second item under new business was the updating of the new NCCC car classes. They are going to go the more traditional way (i.e., C1, C2,C3,etc).

### **Treasurer's Report— Chuck Robertson**

Chuck went over the income and expenses for the months of December and January 2026. The club ended January with \$8,475.03 in the bank.

Gale made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, and Larry seconded. All were in favor, and the motion was approved.

### **VP Report—Clay Beck**

After some discussion it was agreed to have a garage day at Clay's house on Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>; a run to Charlie's in Los Alamos on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>; a run to the Pismo Derelicts on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> and a run on April 11<sup>th</sup> to the Paso Robles Estrella Warbirds Museum. Clay will follow up with emails for more detailed instructions.

## **February 5, 2026 VTV Meetings Minutes —By Hector Paz**

### **Governor's Report— Gale Haugen**

Currently we require two waivers from the autocross drivers. One is for NCCC and the other one is for the airport. However, Motorsport has now come up with a new option. This would allow for the choice of an annual waiver. After some discussion with the Board, Gale called and spoke with the NCCC West Coast Region RE. He in turn found out from NCCC that they want to continue to require their own waiver. Clay is going to talk to the airport.

Gale passed around the Thank You card from the Boys and Girls Club.

Clay shared that a corvette car club from Santa Clara County is celebrating their 50th anniversary and wants to come down to our area to celebrate. One of the activities on their schedule is to have some of their members participate in our May 30<sup>th</sup> autocross.

Pat Kelley came to our meeting to explain what the Porsche club is proposing to do to encourage more participation, which would generate more income. This would entail three drivers and one car. Clay is going to think about it.

Clay also mentioned that one of the autocross dates in wrong. He is going to look at it.

### **Around the Room**

**Clint**, dad is doing good; **Hector**, Spring Training starts on February 20th; **Chuck**, he took the two-day course at Buttonwillow; **Larry**, glad to see more people; **Pat**, shared that the Circuit at Buttonwillow is mostly straight aways. Rather boring; **Rick** wanted to know how to sign up for the autocross; **Brian** is doing hot dogs for the next autocross; **Marc**, wanted to know the schedule for the autocross.

### **Drawings**

The winner of the 50/50 was Chuck Robertson and the winner of the name badge was Sandra Coffey.

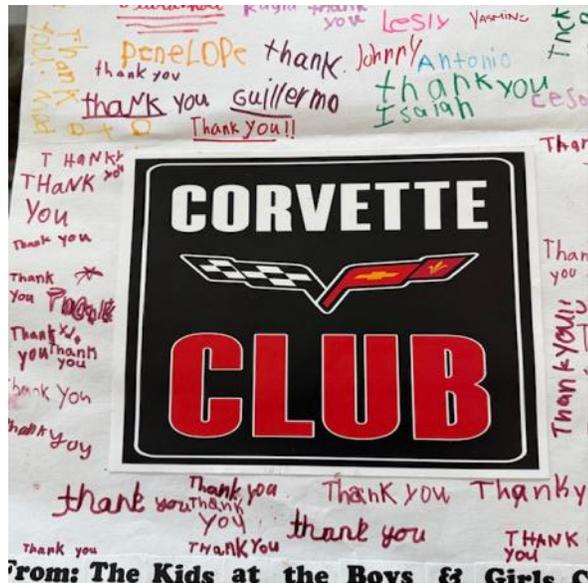
Clay adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm. The next meeting is March 5th at 6:30 pm at the IHOP in Santa Maria. The reservation has been made for 5:30 pm for those who would like to join us for dinner.

## Boy's & Girl's Club Christmas

By Chuck Robertson/Gale Haugen

On December 18th club members visited the Santa Maria Boys and Girls Club for our annual gift giving. We provided over 115 young kids with a presents from our Santa Clause. Hector's 20 lb weight loss prevented him from filling out the Santa suit so a kind friend filled the shoes. The kids get so excited to see Santa but more so when their name is called to get their gift and have their picture taken with Santa. The noise and cheer as the kids opened their gifts was all the reward we needed.

Photos of the thank you card the kids made for our club.



## Turkey Donation

By Chuck Robertson

A Very rainy November 20, 2025 found members Gerry, Gale, Chuck and Hector presenting a check for the SLO Food Bank. This is an annual event where we support Santa Maria's Channel 12 Turkey Drive. These effort collects food and funds to help both the food bank and the Good Samaritan Shelter in their efforts to help those in need.



## VTV Christmas Dinner/Gift Exchange

By Gale Haugen

On December 10th members enjoyed a meal together at Hapy's Bistro in Pismo Beach. This is an annual event for all members to show appreciation for the hard work many do to help with autocross events and donate their time and efforts to other club activities. We also held our gift exchange which again saw some back and forth trading. It was a fun evening for all.



# **FOR SALE by OWNER**

**\$72,000**

**2022 C8 Corvette Stingray, Z51 Hard Top Convertible with approximately 29K miles**

**Amplify Orange exterior/Drenched tan 3LT leather interior/Body color side intake option**

**Front end lift**

**Factory delivered, always garaged**

**Extras:**

**Fresh set of tires**

**PPF on entire front end, hood, mirrors, and side wings, entire car has been ceramic coated**

**Heated Tan Leather Steering wheel, stock black steering wheel included**

**Body color side wings, high rear wing, mud flaps, and front spoiler**

**Forged and Polished E Ray style wheels, stock wheels included**

**Car lowered  $\frac{3}{4}$ "**

**High Flow Catalytic Converters, original converters included**

**All services current, including 2**

**Transmission filter and fluid changes, oil and filter changed every 5,000 miles**

**Call Bee Jay  
805 717-1822**



# FOR SALE

Fuel injection unit for C1 and C2 cars and replaced carburetors. This model was made for the 1965 Covette. It fits small block engines like the 283 , 327, 350, and 383. It was introduced in 1957 and produced 283 horsepower, 1 horsepower per cubic inch of displacement in the motor. The 1965 unit was the last year Chevy made that style unit and was the best of that style injection. It was better for track racing as it didn't have problems that carburetors had when cornering.



Bill has rebuilt and tested it for leaks. All diaphragms and gaskets have been replaced. The unit will have to be fine tuned to the car that it is installed on.

The distributor has been rebuilt with new magnets, gears and bushings. The wire harness is to add the system to older Corvettes . The amplifier is used but was sold to me as a working unit.

I am asking \$13,500 plus shipping.

**Contact: Bill Santmyer**

**805 325 3750**

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**Do you have a business or service you would recommend to your Corvette friends? If so, please pick up a business card and share it in this newsletter.**

## **Vapor Trail Vettes Club Pullover**

The following men's and women's pullovers are the chosen attire for Vapor trail Vettes. The pullover is **BLACK with Red trim**. The member is responsible for ordering and paying for the pullover. VTV will pay to have your name and VTV logo embroidered for you.. You can order the pullovers from North End.

If you would rather have a polo shirt you can purchase one from a local business at your cost and the club will pay for the embroidering.



North End -Men's Quarter-Zip Long Sleeve Pullover. **BLACK WITH RED TRIM.**

**Order Number : 8187**

**\$36.00 + 8.75% Tax = \$39.15**



North End -Ladies Quarter-Zip Long Sleeve Pullover. **BLACK WITH RED TRIM.**

**Order Number : 78187**

**\$36.00 + 8.75% Tax = \$39.15**

# 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NCCC, VAPOR TRAIL VETTES & LOCAL EVENTS

Date	Day	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>Weekly Events</b>					
2024/25	Saturday	Pismo Derelicts & Do-nuts	829 Pak Park Blvd, Pismo Beach		8-10 AM
2024/25	Sunday	Orcutt Derelicts	Orcutt		8-10 AM
<b>January</b>					
1	Wednesday	<b>New Years Day</b>	Holiday		
10	Saturday	Drive & Dine VTV Mtg.	Jalama Beach	VTV	
19	Monday	<b>Martin Luther King Day</b>	Holiday		
<b>February</b>					
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
16	Monday	<b>Presidents Day</b>	Holiday		
20-21	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
25	Wednesday	Garage Day @ Clay's Shop	1386 Hetrick Ave, Arroyo Grande	Caly Beck	
28	Saturday	WC Region Governors Meeting	Zoom Meeting	WC Region	11AM—12PM
<b>March</b>					
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
7	Saturday	March Meet Drags	Bakersfield		
17	Tuesday	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>			
21	Saturday	Dine & Dash—Charlies	Los Alamos	VTV	
TBD	Sat-Sun	11th Annual Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Car Show	St. Louis De Montfort Church		
<b>April</b>					
2	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
2-3	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
5	Sunday	<b>Easter Sunday</b>			

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<b>April</b>					
11	Saturday	Dine & Dash—Warbirds	Paso Robles	VTV	
11-12	Sat-Sun	Porsche Academy	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	
30-May 2	Thur-Sat	29th Crusin' Morro Bay Car Show	Morro Bay		
<b>May</b>					
7	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
1-2	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St. Louis, MO	NCCC	
9	Saturday	WC Region Governor's Meeting	Zoom Meeting		
16-17	Saturday	Porsche Autocross 76	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	5/17 Ladies Day
23-25	Fri-Sun	44th Annual Kustoms Crusin Nationals			
25	Monday	<b>Memorial Day</b>			
27-31	Wed-Sun	Elks Rodeo	Santa Maria	Elks	
30	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
<b>June</b>					
4	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
5-8	Thur-Sun	Elks Rodeo			
13	Saturday	Porsche Autocross 77	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	
TBD	TBD	28th Elks Car Show			
21	Sunday	<b>Father's Day</b>			
TBD	TBD	Dine and Dash			

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Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>July</b>					
2	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting—		VTV	
4	Saturday	Solvang <b>4th of July</b>	Solvang - <b>Holiday</b>		
11	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
18	Saturday	Porsche Autocross 78	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	
TBD	TBD	Dine and Dash			
<b>August 2026</b>					
1	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	
6	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
16	Saturday	All Corvette Car Show	Buena Park Elks	Corvette SS	9 am—2 pm
TBD	TBD	Dine and Dash			
<b>September 2026</b>					
3	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
7	Monday	<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Holiday</b>		
11-12	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St Louis, Mo	NCCC	
12	Saturday	Porsche Autocross 79	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	
12	Saturday	24th Ford Car Show	Orcutt		
19	Saturday	Regional Gov. Meeting	Zoom Meeting	WC Regions	
26	Saturday	Old Days Car Show	Los Almos		
26	Saturday	VTV Autocross	Santa Maria Airport	VTV	

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Day	Date	Event	Location	Sponsor	Comments
<b>October 2026</b>					
1	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
13-14	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St Louis, Mo	NCCC	
17	Saturday	Porsche Autocross 80	SM Airport Track	Porsche Club	
N/A	Saturday	Regional Gov. Mtg	Zoom Meeting	WC Region	
31	Saturday	Halloween	<b>Holiday</b>		
<b>November 2026</b>					
5	Thursday	VTV Monthly Meeting	I Hop, Santa Maria	VTV	Mtg at 6:30
13-14	Fri-Sat	NCCC National Meeting	St Louis, Mo	NCCC	
21	Saturday	Regional Gov. Meeting	Zoom Meeting	WC Region	
26	Thursday	<b>Thanksgiving</b>	<b>Holiday</b>		
<b>December 2026</b>					
25	Thursday	<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Holiday</b>		
TBD	TBD	B & G's Club Christmas	TBD		
TBD	TBD	VTV Christmas Dinner	TBD		